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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Andrew Q. Tran
TAKASHI IKEDA, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/960,743) Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: September 24, 2001)
For: MAGNETIZATION REVERSAL)
METHODS FOR MAGNETIC)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species identified as Figs. 17-19, and identify Claims 1-6 and 20-49 as being directed to that species.

Further in this regard, Applicants respectfully submit, however, that Claim 1 is generic to the various species and is supported in the Specification in the description of the drawings of Figs. 1-7.

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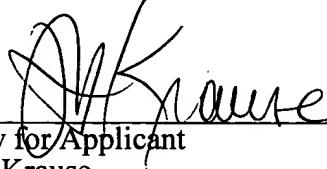
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